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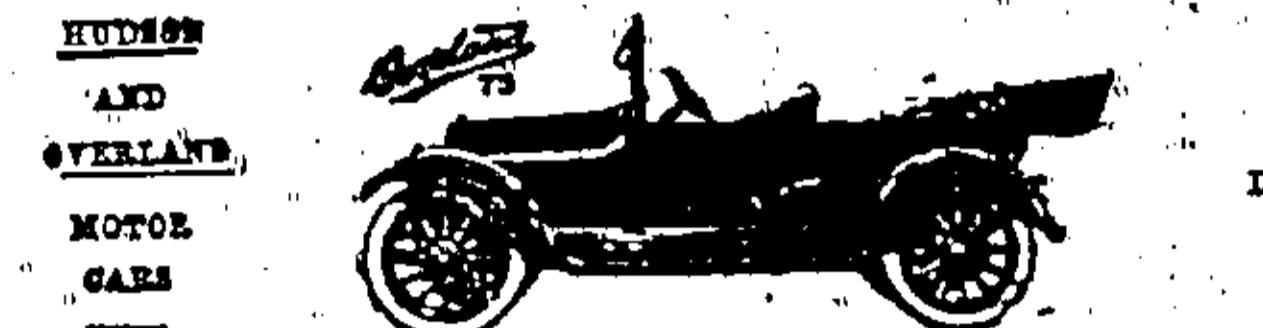
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The China Mail.

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IT is hereby notified that there will be NO OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS during the three RACE DAYS, viz.: 26th, 27th and 28th instant.

By Order of the Committee.

R. HANOCK,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, Feb. 26, 1917 1536

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG

MATRICULATION, SENIOR AND JUNIOR LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

NOTICE is hereby given that these Examinations will commence on MONDAY, July 6th, 1917.

Arrangements will be made to hold the Examination at any town where a sufficient number of candidates offer themselves. Candidates who wish to be examined at any other place than Hongkong or Shanghai must apply to the Registrar on or before April 2nd, 1917.

Forms of entry and all particulars can be obtained on application to the REGISTRAR, THE UNIVERSITY, HONGKONG.

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Candidates who secure King Edward VII or President's Scholarship or cash prizes must enter the University on the day on which the University session opens and must reside in one of the houses directly managed by the University.

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Hongkong, Feb. 26, 1917. 1537

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THE DIARY

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28.—
Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.THURSDAY, March 1.—
St. David's Day.FRIDAY, March 2.—
H.K.C. Jockey Club Race Meeting. "Off" Day.SATURDAY, March 3.—
H.K.C. Jockey Club Race Meeting. "Off" Day.SUNDAY, March 4.—
H.K.C. Society's Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

a growing inclination has been shown in China to follow on the same lines, and though this policy has, of late, received a check in one important department of the Government—the Ministry of Communications—the indignation the changes made by a reactionary Minister have evoked is a good augury that reaction will no longer be tolerated in China.

The reference to the capture of enemy trade in China is another topic of the CHAIRMAN'S Address which claims our interest at the present time. "It is gratifying," Mr. PATTENDEN, said, "to be able to report that British merchants are entering largely into trade in certain lines in which enemy firms had practically a monopoly before the war, and they may be sure that the Bank will give them every assistance and encouragement in maintaining and—where possible—increasing the hold they have obtained in this trade." While, as Mr. PATTENDEN said, Government measures can do much in this direction they can never take the place of the old energy and enterprise of the British merchant which built up the vast overseas trade of Great Britain, and there is doubtless a good deal to be said for the view that for the full development of the efforts to retain and increase the captured trade, it is desirable that as much control as possible should be vested in the man on the spot to compete successfully in the struggle. In the old days, when the foundations of this trade were laid, the man-on-the-spot had full control; but the extension of the cable lines brought about important changes in that respect and to-day the control is largely in the hands of men ten thousand miles away. In the general re-consideration of methods of meeting the keener competition which is certain to follow upon the conclusion of the war, this is an element of some importance which should not be overlooked.

AS Mr. HENRY HUMPHREYS remarked at the meeting on Saturday of the shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Bank is part of life and its prosperity reflects that of the Colony and other foreign trading centres in the East. Hence the interest always shown in the annual meeting of shareholders which is invariably more largely attended than the shareholders' meeting of any other Company in the Colony. In the present crisis of the Empire's history it is particularly gratifying to notice that last year's working was "highly satisfactory" and that all the Bank's branches—which are not confined to Asia—showed "excellent results." In view of the tremendous effects of the war on the trade and finance of the Empire the CHAIRMAN's review of the Bank's Balance Sheet is a deeply interesting statement. It is especially interesting to note that the Directors were in a position not only to increase the bonus to shareholders but to add half a million dollars to the Silver Reserve Fund, the first addition to that Fund since the war started. Experience, as the CHAIRMAN remarked, has proved the great wisdom of building up the Bank's resources, and it is manifestly a very sound policy to continue at the present time. Mr. PATTENDEN's review of general trade conditions in the East is a topic of even wider interest and his observations on the trade and financial situation in China may well be commended to the attention of that large and ever-growing class of Chinese who take an enlightened view of the possibilities of the progress and development of their great country. The remarkable success of Sir RICHARD DANE's administration of the Salt Gabelle in the brief space of

three or four years cannot fail to impress upon earnest reformers in China what the long neglect to profit by the very successful administration of the Customs under the direction and control of able and experienced foreign experts has cost China. The Chairman of the Bank described the Customs and the Salt Gabelle as the "two great bulwarks of China's credit," and said their success justified the hope that their admirable administration would be adopted as the foundation and model for the wider fiscal and financial reforms which are the pressing need of the hour, and the master key to future national progress. There are many directions in which this policy could be extended by China, to her great advantage, and indications have not been wanting lately that the subject has been engaging the attention of the Government. The Land Tax is one of the many other revenues which might easily come to be regarded as another bulwark of China's credit. When Japan started on the great task of her reformation she freely availed herself of foreign experts in every branch of administration, with what results we all know, and we believe they are fully appreciated by the statesmen now in control of the destinies of China. Within the last few years

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

OPENING OF THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

Glorious weather has favoured the first day of the annual races held under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club. The morning broke somewhat cloudy, but before tiffin the sun shone rather powerfully. There was a fairly large gathering present for the opening race, including H.E. the Governor and a party from Government House and as the day wore on the attendance largely increased. The enclosure, adorned with a fine collection of flowers in pots and the stands gay with the colours represented in the races, looked very attractive. The Band of the 74th Punjabis under the direction of Bandmaster J. W. CHRISTIAN, encouraged with well-selected programme of music during the day. The officials of the meeting were:

STEWARDS.—His Excellency Sir F. H. May, K.C.M.O.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral, William L. Grant, C.B.; His Excellency Major-General F. Ventris; Commodore H. G. G. Sandeman, R.N.; The Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton; The Hon. Mr. Claude Severn; The Hon. Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.; His Honour Sir W. Reed Davies, Kt.; B. D. F. Beith, Esq.; G. K. Hall Brutton, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel L. R. E. Currie, C.R.A.; H. J. Gedga, Esq.; Henry Humphreys, Esq.; G. H. Potts, Esq.; N. J. Stabb, Esq.; H. P. White, Esq.

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Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of any season non-winners. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have

never had a winning "mount" in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5lb. Entrance \$10. One mile.

*Mr. Ezra's Triumph, 10st 12lb

(Mr. Ezra). 1

*Mr. John Peel's Sandy, 10st 12lb

(Mr. Johnstone). 1

*Sir Paul's Triumphant Dahlia, 10st 12lb

(Mr. Burkhill). 2

*L. R. E. Currie, C.R.A., 10st 12lb

(dead heat). 3

Mr. Ellis Kadocie's Derby Chief, 10st 12lb

(Mr. Heard). 0

Messrs. Hough & Scott's Golofina, 11st 1lb

(Mr. Boyd). 0

*Sir Paul's Onward Dahlia, 11st 1lb

(Mr. Sedgwick). 0

*Mewers, H. P. White's & N. J. Stabb Capilano, 11st 1lb (Mr. Heard). 0

Lining up Littlehouse took the position next to the rails, Silver Streak next, followed by Yid on the outside. After a good start Silver Streak and Victory Dahlia went away together. The rest were bunched. Shortly afterwards Onward Dahlia began to force the pace and got two lengths ahead of Silver Streak, while Littlehouse overhauled Victory Dahlia, but as the ponies neared the winning post Silver Streak took the lead and passed the post two lengths ahead of Victory Dahlia. Yid secured third place, a length behind the second pony.

Time: 2m. 08sec.

PARI-MUTUEL.—Winners, \$6 each; Places, Triumph \$6.30; Sandy \$5.90.

Cash Sweep: No. 412, \$808.03; No. 126, \$808.03; No. 181, \$179.57.

THE VALLEY STAKES.—Winner \$500.

Second \$200. Third \$100. For

China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this season 1916-1917. Weight

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Mr. John Peel's Drumstick, 11st 1lb

(Mr. Johnstone). 1

*Sir Paul's Dandy Dahlia, 10st 9lb

(Mr. Burkhill). 2

Mr. Adams' Hang-On, 11st 1lb

(Owner). 0

*Mr. Billiard's The Jigger, 10st 12lb

(Mr. Heard). 3

Mr. Oliver Cromwell's Ironside, 11st 1lb

(Mr. Moller). 0

Mr. T. F. Hough's Cadizow's Star, 10st 12lb

(Mr. Boyd). 0

Mr. Godhead's Moneybox, 10st 12lb

(Mr. Boyd). 0

Mr. Henry Humphreys' Field Mouse, 11st 1lb

(Mr. Knoll). 0

Mr. Medico's Moonstone, 10st 9lb

(Mr. Barton). 0

Mr. Henry Morris' Lonesfield, 10st 12lb

(Mr. Ezra). 0

Mr. Memo's Whizz Band, 11st 1lb

(Mr. Heard). 0

Mr. Soare's Patrolini, 10st 9lb

(Mr. Gacs). 0

Mr. Yale's Old King Cole, 11st 1lb

(Lieut. Fisher). 0

There was some delay at the start, Mr. Knoll being thrown off Field Mouse, but was unharmed. Old King Cole led up to the village bend. Sol was being ridden easily and gained the lead at the distance post which he retained up to the finish, winning by three lengths. Coming up the straight, Brown Bass came into the second place and passed the post half a length ahead of Ploughed Field.

Time: 1m. 1/5sec.

Cash Sweep: No. 161, \$898; No. 115, \$248; No. 20, \$124.

PARI-MUTUEL.—Winner, \$6.70.

Places, 1st \$5.70; 2nd \$3.80; 3rd \$1.30.

Cash Sweep: No. 412, \$808.03; No. 23, \$808.03; No. 309, \$144.13.

THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Winner \$500.

Second \$200. Third \$100. Handi-

cap for all China Ponies that have

run at any previous official or

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Mr. John Peel's Star of Doon, 10st 9lb

(Mr. Johnstone). 1

*Mr. Ezra's Iron Duke, 11st 7lb

TELEGRAMS.

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IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

SOME PUBLISHED LISTS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The papers whole-heartedly support Mr Lloyd George's restrictions, though they are much more drastic than had been anticipated. The consensus of opinion is that they fully respond to the public demand for strong measures to win the war and will be accepted most cheerfully. A general rise in prices is expected. Beer probably will be a shilling a pint or more. The chief surprise is the prohibition of apples and tomatoes which are largely consumed by the poor. It is suggested that many stocks, especially of coco-coffee, and tea which are largely held by foreigners on Continental account, should be commandeered.

The speech will undoubtedly promote the Food Economy campaign, which is spreading among all classes.

LATER.

The *Graphic* contains a proclamation of a list of prohibited imports. These includes antimony ware, curios, embroidery, artificial flowers, bangles, raw jute, matting, quebracho, hemlock, and mangrove extracts, silks, not including yarns, soya beans, straw plaitings plated and gilt vases, glass, perfumery, cotton hosiery. The prohibition does not apply to goods imported under Board of Trade licence.

LATER.

Articles the importation of which is prohibited, include printed matter, including daily, weekly and other periodicals, except single copies posted.

It is anticipated that an official list of maximum prices of tea will shortly be issued as there is reason to believe some dealers have unjustifiably advanced wholesale prices.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long said there would be a reduction in the imports of Ceylon tea. Nobody regretted that more than he. He paid a warm tribute to the self-sacrifice, extreme generosity, and goodwill displayed by the Crown Colonies and Dominions, and was confident that as long as they were satisfied that those proposals were made from the most profound sense of duty they would be prepared to bear their share of the burden along with us.

TROUBLE IN PETROGRAD EXPECTED.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 25.

The re-opening of the Duma on the 27th inst. is awaited apprehensively owing to efforts to induce workmen to strike and march to the Duma. General Khabatoff—in a proclamation reminds the workmen of the existence of martial law. Any violence will be forcibly repressed.

The Democratic leader Milinoff, appeals to the workmen not to play into the hands of the enemy, and refrain from holding demonstrations.

POWERS FOR PRESIDENT WILSON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.

The Senate has adopted a Republican resolution authorising President Wilson to use the armed forces of the United States to protect the commerce property and lives of Americans.

SUPPRESSING SPECULATIVE BUYING OF FOODSTUFFS.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

A Press Bureau communiqué says: Lord Devonport notifies that speculative buying and cornering of foodstuffs with a view to raising prices will not be tolerated.

FOREIGN TEA IMPORTS PROHIBITED.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

In the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. Lloyd George announced that importation of Indian tea would be reduced to a certain extent and the importation of foreign tea would be prohibited.

A DUTCH PROTEST TO GERMANY.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 16.

The Dutch Minister at Berlin has protested on account of a German airship flying over Holland on the 17th inst.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Silver is quoted at 37s with a little more demand. The market is steady.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Silver is quoted 37s; a little.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

FURTHER BRITISH ADVANCE.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

As the result of unceasing pressure, the enemy vacated important positions on the Acre.

We progressed considerably over a mile front to the south and south-east of Minnajout and entered Petit Minnajout.

We also advanced on a front of a mile and a half south and south-east of Serre. The enemy pushed a post west of Lens, but in a counter-attack we immediately recovered it.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

A German message, transmitted by wireless, states that they repulsed several British reconnoitring attacks on the Artois front. The British partly occupied an abandoned position in the Somme region.

The French attacks to the south of Ripont failed.

THE SHORTAGE OF TONNAGE.

There was not only a shortage for the general needs of the nation but for military purposes. The nation must therefore be prepared for drastic sacrifice to cope with submarine, otherwise disaster confronted us. The tonnage problem must be tackled ruthlessly and promptly by naval measures, by the building of new ships and by dispensing with unnecessary imports and increasing home food production.

SEVEN DUTCH STEAMERS TORPEDOED.

A TOTAL OF 23,000 TONS.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

The Dutch steamers Zaandijk, Noorderdijk, Eemland, Gasterland, Jocatra, Mando and Randoeng were torpedoed on February 22. The crews were landed and it is presumed that all were saved.

LATER.

The seven torpedoed Dutch steamers, four of which were bound for Holland with full cargoes, were attacked in the western approaches of the English Channel. It is noteworthy that no instructions regarding the routes were either asked for or given by the British Admiralty, the whole arrangements being in the hands of the Dutch authorities.

LATER.

The torpedoed Dutch steamers total 23,000 tons. The Menudo and Eemdoeng both belong to the Rotterdam Lloyd and were from Batavia for Rotterdam. The Ucra of the Rotterdam Lloyd was for New York to Rotterdam while the Gasterland and Eemland both owned by the Royal Dutch were from Amsterdam to Buenos Aires and New York respectively. The Noorderdijk and Zaandijk are both of the Holland-America Line and were from New York to Rotterdam and from Rotterdam for Philadelphia respectively.

It is officially announced that when the unrestricted submarine policy was proclaimed the "Dutch Government protested and urged Germany to take care that none of the Dutch vessels en route to and from Dutch ports should fall victims. Germany replied that she was ready to comply, but it was impossible to guarantee absolute safety. The seven vessels awaiting themselves of the German offer of opportunity left port together on February 22. They were all torpedoed without their papers being examined. Two hundred of the crews have been landed and it is supposed that the remainder are safe.

DUTCH INDIGNATION AND PROTEST.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 24.

The Dutch Press is very indignant at the German outrage, which completely disregards the rights of the Dutch people. It is declared that no big nation could thus be treated. Dutch honour can no longer be maintained, and protests are made "against the deepest humiliation to which a neutral nation has yet been subjected."

UNSUCCESSFUL GERMAN ATTACK.

FRENCH AIRSHIPS BUSY.

PARIS, Feb. 24.

A communiqué states that after a violent bombardment the Germans attempted an unsuccessful coup-de-main on the trenches near Wissembach.

A French airship bombarded the busy workshops at Briley, returning safely.

Aeroplanes dropped 400 kilograms of bombs on German bivouacs at Spinacourt this morning.

CHARGED WITH LABEYRY.

PARIS, Feb. 24.

The defendant was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, but his case was remanded until next Saturday.

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PARIS, Feb. 24.

A coal coolie charged with larceny was brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning.

Mr. R. Macham, Chief Officer of the *Ying Chaw* deposed that he caught the defendant stealing ten fathoms of rope from a staging rigged on the funnel of the *Ying Chaw*.

The defendant was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

TWENTY-FIVE GAMBLERS.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Twenty-five Chinese were fined before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning in answer to a charge of gambling.

Inspector Angus stated that he entered No. 35 Quarry Bay and discovered the defendants all gathered in one room playing *Ngan Pai*.

Evidence was taken and His Worship fined the gamblers two dollars each.

A FORTY YEARS TEST.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

The Army Estimates issued to-day provide for five million men exclusive of those serving in India.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Silver is quoted at 37s with a little more demand. The market is steady.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Silver is quoted 37s; a little.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

FURTHER BRITISH ADVANCE.

LONDON, Feb. 24.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

As the result of unceasing pressure, the enemy vacated important positions on the Acre.

We progressed considerably over a mile front to the south and south-east of Minnajout and entered Petit Minnajout.

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GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 21.

A German message, transmitted by wireless, states that they repulsed several British reconnoitring attacks on the Artois front. The British partly occupied an abandoned position in the Somme region.

The French attacks to the south of Ripont failed.

SPORTING.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY v. C.R.C.

In spite of the fact that the University put in their strongest team against the C.R.C. on Saturday, the latter managed to defeat them. Battling first, the University were only able to make 24 runs, which was due mainly to the good bowling and excellent fielding of their opponents. While Marley was batting, runs came freely, but as soon as he was caught out in long field after scoring 20 runs, the reverse was the case. Ho Wing King batted well for the C.R.C. being 48 not out when his last partner was run out.

UNIVERSITY.

R. Parsonsby Fang b Ho Wing King. 24

N. Sze Kwong, b Wicket, b Ho Wing King. 24

G. E. Marley, c J. Wong, b T. W. 24

K. Bravay, c Kew, b D. 24

J. D. Wright, c Mok Hing, b Ho Wing King. 24

A. de Souza, c and b Yew Man Tsun. 24

H. E. Runjahn, c Ching, b Yew Man Tsun. 24

G. Hall, c Ching, b Yew Man Tsun. 24

W. Gittins, b Ho Wing King. 24

D. P. Dixon, not out. 24

Extras. 24

Total. 99

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

M. R. W. 99

C. P. Yuen. 102

Yew Man Tsun. 102

C. A. 102

Ho Wing King. 102

Yew Man Tsun. 102

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MANILA, OBU & ILOILO		KUNICHO	Feb. 28, at Noon.
AMOY & SHANGHAI		TAMSU	Mar. 1, Daylight.
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

JANUARY 10.
FOOD PRODUCTION IN SCOTLAND.

Plans for the increase of food production in Scotland are developing with all possible speed. While the importance of increasing the area under tillage is fully recognised, the authorities are directing their attention in the first instance to ensuring that the land already under cultivation is made to produce its maximum. To this end the first essentials are adequate supplies of labour and a sufficiency of fertilisers. Progress is being made in the solution of these problems. Arrangements are maturing for the employment of prisoners of war in agricultural work; but the difficulties of housing and guarding are considerable, and are matter of discussion between the military authorities and the agricultural interest. A good deal of exaggeration is current as to the amount of unutilised land available. Much of it is either of inferior quality or in out-of-the-way districts, and whilst merely commercial considerations are no longer final, the authorities must balance the practical difficulties inevitably in new tillage with the probable yield. They are not likely to dissipate our such land efforts which will be more fruitful if directed to the intensive cultivation of land already under root or grain crops. In these problems the Scottish Board will be guided by the expert opinion of Legal Committees, and in any case where these Committees report that land is not put to the most profitable use, the compulsory powers of the Government will, if necessary, be used without hesitation.

It will be noticed that these old Scottish rulers differed from their more democratic successors of the present day in classifying the demesnes. But by what rule they were guided in concluding that the appetite of an earl or an archbishop was nearly three times, and that of an abbot or prior twice as great as that of a decent burgher is not settled. If such enactments were to be made now, in view of our Corporation dinners, the order might have to be reversed. It seems also from the complaints as to the price of wine that the prohibitionist has not then made an appearance.

owing to some extent to the negligence of the Wardens in permitting Scottish victualls to be conveyed to England, while the English Wardens were permitted to pasture their cattle on the Scottish side of the Border. At the same time, a Parliament which sat in Edinburgh attempted to regulate the prices of various commodities, affirmed the limitations put upon the courses at dinner, and forbade the export of any white fish from Scotland. We are told that arrestment was made of certain ships at Dundee and other harbours because it was alleged they were laden with victualls for export, and certain fleshers in Edinburgh were summoned to answer for breaking a law prohibiting the salting or packing of meat for export.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

The question of the industrial development of the Straits is perhaps even more important than the increase of our trade as regards the wealth of the Colony. For trade pays a much smaller percentage of profits and engages fewer of the population than does industry. In this sense the Chinese were right in placing traders on a lower scale as regards state utility than agriculturists. The shop is essential for distribution, and the middle-man brings consumer and producer into contact, but it is possible to pay too high a price for that service, as modern newspapers have found out, their experience being that the cost of selling the printed article is the ultimate factor of success and not the merit of the paper, or even the worth of the advertising connection. Of the two great directions in which the Colony may develop, agriculture and manufacturing, the former is more limited, although a combination of the two, as in rubber, has very great possibilities. It would be a grand thing if we could develop our industries, and the last Bulletin of the Imperial Institute has a most interesting article on pine-apples, in which it is stated that in the Straits the cultivation, preservation and export of pine-apples are on a sufficiently large scale to form an important industry. Singapore in 1914 exported 695,436 cases of the preserved fruit, of a value of £305,383, but this was less than in either of the preceding years.

In the same publication there is an article on the occurrence and utilisation of antimony ores, in the course of which it is stated that ores of antimony occur in many localities in south and west Borneo. Sarawak produced 25,000 tons between 1859 and 1879, and even in 1914, half of which was occupied by the war, 870 tons were exported. China, however, is the greatest producer of antimony, and from a time soon after the outbreak of the war has practically controlled the market. Most of this is smelted in Japan, which itself no longer produces notable quantities of antimony ore. Small quantities of the metal are produced in other countries within the radius of a thousand miles from Singapore, and no doubt these would increase if there were a ready market. The metal readily forms alloys with most of the heavy metals, increasing their hardness and expansion on solidifying. Type metal is lead; antimony and tin, sometimes copper being added. Anti-friction or white metal, hard lead, and Britannia metal are all known alloys containing antimony, and compounds of the metal find extensive and varied uses in the arts, industries and medicine. The point we wish to make, however, is that as we have made the Straits the principal tin smelting depot in the world, all parts sending ores here to be prepared, there is possibly an opening for other large metal industries in which antimony, to name one, would play a considerable part. Our geographical position is splendid, within easy and frequent communication of both producing and consuming countries. Labour is not exactly cheap, but it is fairly abundant. Fuel is at least as easily obtainable as in other places, and the possible development of eastern coal fields when the war ceases, with proximity to valuable oilfields, indicate that with new methods of utilising fuel, there will be no insuperable difficulty in that respect. In short, if the atmospheric and other conditions do not permit the establishment of textile manufactures, or other industries, there seems to be a good field for the development of metal industries, of manufactured rubber goods, and possibly paper, all of which meet universal demand and offer a field for enterprise. Singapore has little to be continued, and it was supposed to be

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